Objective 21: Reduce Chlamydia Infections

Maryland SHIP Vision Area 4: Infectious Disease Tools, Resources, and Promising Practices updated February 2012



Communicating

Talking with your Doctor about Sexual Health

Provides tips to discuss sexual health concerns with your health care provider.

Talking with your Kids about Sexual Health

Provides resources for parents to communicate with children about sexual activity, sexuality, and healthy relationships. Includes answers to parents' common questions.



Information, Facts, and Figures

CDC Fact Sheet

CDC fact sheet on the prevalence, education and transmission of Chlamvdia.

Condom Use

Links visitors to information about condom use to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted infections.

<u>Kaiser Family Foundation—</u> Sexual Health Links to the Kaiser Family Foundation on teenage sex practices, teenage pregnancy and facts regarding STDs.

National Chlamydia Coalition

Provides information and resources to prevent and treat chlamydia, especially among women aged 25 and younger.



Sexual Health Education Programs

Includes information and resources for effective sex education among youth.



<u>US Prevention Services</u> <u>Task Force</u> Recommendations Links to the US Preventive Services Task Force recommendations on screening for chlamydia infections.



Promising Practices

Expedited Partner Therapy

EPT is a practice in which a practitioner treats the sex partners of patients with STDs without first doing a medical evaluation. The practitioner gives the patient the treatment to deliver to his/her sex partners (also referred to as "patient-delivered partner therapy").



Minnesota Testing Program

This plan targeted health care centers serving high-risk populations to pay for lab tests and screening.



<u>Sistering, Informing, Healing,</u> <u>Living, Empowering (SiHLE)</u> A skills training intervention to reduce risky sex behavior among African American adolescent females. Involves small group discussions, role-plays, and cognitive rehearsals to build confidence in initiating safe-sex conversations, negotiating for safer sex, and refusing unsafe sex encounters. It also teaches condom-use skills and the importance of healthy relationships.

Get Yourself Tested Campaign healthy relationships.

Provides information to increase public awareness of sexually transmitted diseases and prevention.

